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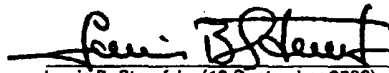
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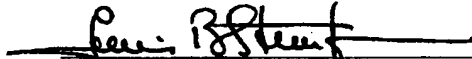
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Sir:

The amendments, contained in the Version *WITH* Markings enclosed herewith, and below remarks are submitted in response to the PTO communications mailed 06 May 2003 and 28 August 2003. Please cancel Claims 1-11, 14, 17 and 19 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In response to the indication of allowability of claims 13 and 18, provided they be rewritten as directed in the paragraph on page 7 of the PTO communication, these claims have been so amended to be made independent and to incorporate claims 11 and 17. Furthermore, claims 12, 15 and 16 have been made dependent upon

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